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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

AOKI ET AL.

Examiner

Fazli Erdem

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 February 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 23 and 24 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 23 and 24 allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-22 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kabumoto et al. (6,483,714) in view of Tomie (6,365,961) further in view of Ittipiboon et al. (5,303,419) further in view of Kameyama et al. (5,273,943) further in view of Rowe et al. (4,739,448) further in view of Tohya et al. (6,002,593) further in view of McClanahan et al. (5,396,397) further in view of Konno (5,384,486)

Regarding Claims 1-22, Kabumoto et al. disclose a multi-layered wiring board comprising a stacked structure of insulating and conductor layers. Kabumoto et al. fail to disclose the required line conductor structure, shielding structure, the required substrate structure, the required active element structure, the required ground structure, the required terminal structure, the required he required insulator layer structure. However, Tomie discloses a high-frequency input/output feedthrough and package for housing high-frequency semiconductor element using same where the required line conductor structure is disclosed. Furthermore, Ittipiboon et al. disclose an aperture-coupled microstrip line magic-tee and mixer formed thereof where the required shield structure is disclosed. Additionally, Kameyama et al. disclose

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dielectric ceramic compositions and microwave devices using the same where the required substrate structure is disclosed. Furthermore, Rowe et al. disclose microwave multiport multilayered integrated circuit chip carrier where the active structure is disclosed. Furthermore, Tohya et al. disclose a semiconductor device for reducing electromagnetic noise radiated from a printed board where the required terminal structure is disclosed. Furthermore, McClanahan et al. disclose a field control and stability enhancement in multi-layer 3-dimensional structures where the required ground structure is disclosed. Finally, Konno discloses integrated circuit device having signal wiring structure of ultrahigh-speed performance where the required insulator layer structure is disclosed.

It would have been obvious to one of having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include the required line conductor structure, shielding structure, the required substrate structure, the required active element structure, the required ground structure, the required terminal structure, the required he required insulator layer structure, in Kabumoto et al. as taught by Tomie, Ittipiboon et al., Kameyama et al., Rowe et al., Tohya et al., McClanahan et al., and Konno, respectively, in order to have a high speed semiconductor device with better performance.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fazli Erdem whose telephone number is (703) 305-3868. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 8:00 - 5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on (703) 308-6601. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7722 for regular communications and (703) 308-7724 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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